

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicants : Uwe HEITMANN )  
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For : TOBACCO-PROCESSING )  
PRODUCTION MACHINES )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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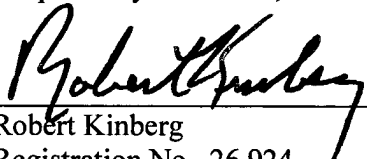
Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R.1.97 ff within the time specified under 37 CFR 1.97(b).

Attached are the documents cited in the enclosed German Search Report (translation of pertinent portion noted thereon). A Form PTO 1449 listing the references is also attached.

In view of the above, no further statement of relevance need be given, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited publications and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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